

ADMINISTRATIVE and CLINICAL EDITS

Clinical edits are designed to enhance patient care and optimize the use of program funds through therapeutically prudent use of pharmaceuticals. Point-of-service pharmacy claims will be routed through an automated computer system to apply edits specifically designed to assure effective drug utilization. The edits are based on evidence-based clinical criteria and available nationally recognized peer-reviewed information. Through the clinical edit process therapy will automatically and transparently be approved for those patients who meet any of the system approval criteria. For those patients who do not meet the system approval criteria, therapy will require a call to the Medicaid Drug Prior Authorization hotline at (800) 392-8030 to initiate a review and potentially authorize claims.

Clinical Edits Implemented	Effective Date
Zelnorm	08/07/2002
Vfend	09/25/2002
Geodon Injectable	10/25/2002
Dienestrol Powder	11/18/2002
Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate Powder	11/18/2002
Oxandrin 10 mg Tablets	11/25/2002
Cox-2 Inhibitors	12/16/2002
Zetia	12/30/2003
Forteo	01/27/2003
Strattera	02/10/2003
Cipro XR	02/17/2003
HMG-CO A Reductase Inhibitors	02/18/2003
Non-Sedating Antihistamines	02/26/2003
ACE Inhibitors	03/12/2003
Actiq	03/26/2003
Synagis	05/14/2003
Duragesic	05/14/2003
Alinia	05/14/2003
Suboxone/Subutex	05/14/2003
Oxycontin	05/24/2003
Emend	05/28/2003
Thalomid	05/28/2003
H2 Antagonists Step Therapy	06/18/2003
Klonopin Wafers	07/15/2003
Zometa	07/22/2003
Tramadol	07/23/2003
Dolgic LQ	08/01/2003

Scheduled Clinical Edits	Effective Date
Stimulants	08/27/2003
Zovirax Cream	09/03/2003
Xanax XR	09/10/2003
Carafate	09/24/2003
Lactulose	09/24/2003
Synagis	10/01/2003
Antibiotic Ready-To-Use Packs	10/15/2003
Diflucan 150mg Tabs	10/29/2003
Cold Sore Treatment Step Therapy	11/12/2003
Ophthalmic Antibiotic Step Therapy	11/19/2003